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Emmons is students, staff, parents, and community working together to prepare our students for a successful future through excellent experiences and growth opportunities.

Anti-Bullying Workshop... Parents of all Emmons students are invited to participate in an anti-bullying information workshop here at school. This informal, interactive session will take place from 5:00-6:30pm on Wednesday, March 4th. Over the course of these 90 minutes, we will present:

- The definition of bullying
- Facts about bullying
- Exposing bullying myths
- Warning signs of victims and bullies
- Parent tips for keeping kids bully-free
- Bringing out the best in our kids
- Teaching your child appropriate means of communication
- The role that bystanders play in bullying
- An opportunity for parent questions and answers

Our conversation will be joined that evening by Detective Andrea Usry of the Lake County Sheriff's Police Department. We hope that all of our parents will be able to attend this important presentation. Interested parents should contact Mrs. Carla Pratt in the school office to RSVP (847-395-1105 x210) no later than Friday, February 27th.

March Parent-Teacher Conferences...A letter will be coming home soon with instructions for using our online service to register for Parent-Teacher conferences next month. Each Emmons teacher will be available for three hours of conference time between March 24th and 26th. Teachers will offer 18 10-minute conference slots on one of those days. Before we open up the online scheduler, teachers will be blocking out times for parents of students who are currently struggling or who feel would benefit from participating in a team conference. Please look for more information regarding Spring conferences in *The Raider Times* next week.

Emmons List Serv Now Available...Parents interested in receiving notes, mail, and important updates from Emmons School electronically can now sign up for this service on the front page of our website. Once you have subscribed to this free service, you will receive notification of sports/activity schedule changes, newsletters, and emergency closing information via the email address you provide. All of our parents should take advantage of this great new service!

Back Packs for Open Arms...Emmons School second graders have planned and will run a Back Pack Food Drive for Antioch's Open Arms Mission. Now through Friday, March 13th, our second graders will collect, sort, and count a variety of canned and non-perishable food items that we will send to Open Arms' food pantry for their Back Pack Program. Through this program, the pantry fills backpacks with nutritious snacks and gives them to needy children on the weekends. Currently, 42 elementary-age children participate in this program. Our second graders are going the "extra degree" by collecting items like canned fruit, instant oatmeal, juice boxes, individually packaged cereal, instant soup and macaroni and cheese and then getting them ready for a Friday pick-up we have arranged with the social worker at Open Arms. Please contact Mrs. Smith or Mrs. Blake at (847) 395-1105 if you would like to contribute any items to this program or if you have any questions.

Internet Safety Class...Ms. Karen Kates, a detective from the Lake County Sheriff's Department will be at Emmons on the morning of Thursday, March 12, to speak to grades 5 – 8 about internet safety. She will also offer a class for parents at 7pm on March 12 in the school library. Please come and join us for this timely class and learn about internet safeguards for your family.

A Reminder to Parents Dropping Off or Picking Up Students...Our bus drivers have been very concerned with students who are dropped off in the lane next to the buses and then proceed to walk between buses to enter the building at the commons doors. This is an extremely dangerous situation for the students. In the interest of your child's safety, no parking, dropping off, or picking up is allowed in the lane next to the buses. The drop off and pick up procedure is to go to the North parking lot where we have supervisors ready to help your student get safely to and from your car. It may take a few extra minutes, but keeping our children safe is worth the time.

PTO Meeting Date Change... The March PTO general meeting has been changed from March 17 to March 24 at 7pm.

Extension of 2nd Trimester... Due to the three days of non-attendance due to extreme weather during the 2nd trimester, we will be extending the trimester from March 6 to March 13, 2009. Report cards will be sent home on the 19th of March. The Middle School Activity Night scheduled for March 6th will not change.

The Week Ahead...

Monday, March 2nd	No School – Casimir Pulaski Day
Tuesday, March 3rd	Jr. Band 7:40am Study Hall – Library 3:30-4:00pm 5 th Grade Band 3:30pm 6 th Grade Basketball Game 4:15pm 7 th Grade Basketball Game 5:15pm 8 th Grade Basketball Game 4:15pm ISAT Testing Begins
Wednesday, March 4th	Jr. & Sr. Band 7:40am Study Hall – Library 3:30-4:00pm Anti-Bullying Workshop 5-6:30pm 7 th Grade Conference Tournament at Park – Time TBA
Thursday, March 5th	Band - Percussion only - 7:40am Study Hall – Library 3:30-4:00pm Library 7 th Grade Conference Tournament at Park – Time TBA
Friday, March 6th	Jr. & Sr. Band 7:40am Study Hall – Library 3:30-4:00pm Middle School Activity Night 7-9pm 7 th Grade Conference Tournament at Park – Time TBA